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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6218

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS RO (UNGUREANU ION)

SUBJECT: UNGUREANU INHERITANCE CLAIM

REF: STATE 2364; BUCH 6337

1. ON JAN 13 EMBASSY REQUESTED DOCUMENTARY PROOF FOR ASSERTION MADE BY CONSULAR DIRECTORATE CHIEF BADESCU THAT ORGHIDAN COLLECTION WAS TAKEN BY ROMANIAN STATE IN SEPT 1944 AND LEFT WRITTEN NOTE WITH MFA TO THIS EFFECT.

2. MFA COUNSELLOR STELIAN MATEI EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT RECEIVING NOTE. HE SAID GOR CONSIDERED MATTER SETTLED WITH AMBASSADOR BADESCU'S EXPLANATION GIVEN ON DEC 8. HE ADDED GOR NOW CONSIDERS MATTER PRIVATE AFFAIR TO BE SETTLED IN U.S. COURTS. CONOFF REPLIED THAT MATTER COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SETTLED NOR OFFICIAL INTEREST IN CLAIM TERMINATED, UNTIL MINISTRY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO EMBASSY INDICATING GOR CAME IN POSSESSION OF COLLECTION IN SEPT 1944.

3. MATEI THEN SAID HE COULD NOT GO BEYOND BADESCU'S STATEMENT BUT ADDED DOCUMENTS INDICATING ACQUISITION OF COLLECTION BY GOR WERE CURRENTLY BEING SUBMITTED TO THE MFA BY MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. THE MFA WILL THEN REQUEST THE EMBASSY TO AUTHENTICATE THE MFA SIGNATURE ON THE DOCUMENTS SO THEY CAN BE SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN A LEGAL SUIT TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK STATE COURTS. MATEI ADDED THESE DOCUMENTS WOULD PROVE CONCLUSIVELY BADESCU'S ASSERTION THAT PROPERTY PASSED IN STATE'S HANDS IN 1944, AND THE EMBASSY COULD MAKE COPIES OF THEM WHEN THEY WERE PRESENTED FOR AUTHENTICATION.

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4. CONSOFF THEN ASKED WHEN DOCUMENTS WOULD ARRIVE AT EMBASSY SO COPIES COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT, BUT MATEI REFUSED TO BE PINNED DOWN TO EXACT DATE EMBASSY WOULD RECEIVE THEM. HE STATED ONLY THAT THEY WOULD ARRIVE SOON.

5. EMPHASIZING NEED TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, CONSOFF SAID HE WOULD MAKE REPORT TO DEPARTMENT AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH MFA AFTER CONSULTING WITH DEPARTMENT.

6. IF WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REQUESTED IN REFTEL A IN TWO WEEKS WE WILL AGAIN RAISE MATTER WITH CONSULAR DIRECTORATE AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING.  
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